would look into the matter, we thought "look" means "take some proper action". I am unhappy. Has not this Government any social responsibility to bring to book these scoundrels who have amassed money by charging high prices from the poor people? Please convey my message to the Prime Minister. I don't think you will ever recover a single farthing from these companies.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Kindly convey his views and I will add that the whole House is agitated. We must recover whatever is there as arrears.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: You must also convey this to the scoundrels he is referring to.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Who is he? Where is he? I don't see. Next question.

*224. [*The questioner (Shri Satchidananda) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 51—53 infra]

*225. [*The questioner (Shri Subramanian Swamy) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 53 infra].

*226. [*The questioner (Maulana Obaidullah Khan Azmi) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 53 infra].

Defence Minister's visit to Israel

*227. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Minister has recently visited Israel; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussions held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: I don't know how it happened. I have asked, whether it is a fact that the Chinese Defence Minister has recently visited Israel, and if so, what was the outcome of the discussions held. But unfortunately...

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has not visited. Are you advising him to visit? What are you saying?

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Anyhow, I don't know whether the Defence Minister seeks further notice to answer the question. And I am putting the supplementary.

MR. CHAIRMAN: But your question is related to his visit.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: It was about the Chinese Defence Minister's visit (*Interruptions*)

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: He has given a notice to ask whether the Chinese Defence Minister has visited Israel. But unfortunately...

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: It is missing. (*Interruptions*).

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : इस्राइल और चीन... (व्यवधान)... इस्राइली रक्षा मंत्री ने चीन के रक्षा मंत्री से..... (व्यवधान)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Whatever it is Israel and China are very far off.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: My first supplementary is, is the Government aware. ... (*Interruptions*)... of the visit of the Chinese Defence Minister to Israel? If so...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No. That does not arise.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: My second supplementary is, what are the possible areas of cooperation between India and Israel as well as

Israel and China to contain terrorism, nuclear power and other areas?

(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: As far as India is concerned.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): Sir, the question is restricted to my visit to Israel, to which I say no. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are you thinking of any cooperation with them? (*Interruptions*). We are not going for nuclear bombs. (*Interruptions*).

*228. [*The questioner (Shri Anant Ram Jaiswal) was absent. For answer*, vide *col.* 54 infra].

*229. [*The questioner (Shri Satya Prakash Malaviya) was absent. For answer*, vide *col.* 54-55 infra].

Financing of liquor/beer manufacturing units

*230. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that liquor and beer manufacturing units are not allowed to approach all-India or State Financial Institutions for financing of their projects;

(b) whether it is a fact that licences have been given to State Industrial Development Corporations for liquor and beer;

(c) whether it is also a fact that under the existing system Industrial Development Corporations are only a front to grab licences and big business houses are the maximum beneficiaries; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to stop Industrial Development Corporations from taking such licences of low priority items instead of taking the role of promoting industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) All India Financial Institutions do not provide financial assistance to units proposing to manufacture potable alcohol and beer based on molasses or non-molasses raw material except in the case of export-oriented units or export intensive units.

(b) From the year 1989-90 to January 31, 1992, 15 Letters of Intent (LOI) have been issued to State Industrial Development Corporations (SIDCs) for the manufacture of potable alcohol based on non-molasses raw material. During the period, only one LOI has been granted to a SIDC for manufacture of beer.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Sir, my question was about a particular liquor licences to be given to the State Industrial Development Corporations and they have started issuing licences. But as far as part (c) of the question is concerned, they have said no. I would like to know whether all the State Industrial Development Corporations are going to be given licence to produce alcohol.

SHRI P. J. KURIEN: Sir, such licence applications are considered on merits. If the State Industrial Development Corporations are submitting applications which conform to the parameters prescribed, we can consider.

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: I would like to know, so far as the import and export policy is concerned, why all the liquor producing industries have not been permitted to produce that type of product.

SHRI P. J. KURIEN: Sir, liquor is not a priority item. However, if it is a 100 per cent export unit, then